

REMARKS

Claims 4, 14, and 20 stand allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11-16 stand rejected under 35 USC §101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-3, 5-13, and 15-19 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vitek et al., U.S. patent 7,047,515.

Claims 4, 14, and 20 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims amended to more clearly state the invention. Claim 14 has been amended to more clearly recite statutory subject matter under 35 USC §101.

Claims 1, 11 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 2-3, 5-10, 12-13, 15-16, and 18-19 have been amended to more clearly state the invention and are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC §101 is respectfully requested.

It is believed that each of the pending claims 2-10, 12-16, and 18-20 is patentable and now in condition for allowance.

Applicants have reviewed all the art of record, and respectfully submit that the claimed invention is patentable over all the art of record, including the references not relied upon by the Examiner for the rejection of the pending claims.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and allowance of each of the pending claims 2-10, 12-16, and 18-20 is respectfully requested. Prompt and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner upon considering this amendment should find that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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